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1. THE MISSION HAS DEVELOPED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION ABOUT EC COMMISSIONERS SIMONER AND CHYSSON'S PLAS TO TALK WITH OAPEC SECRETARY GENERAL ATTIGA (PARA 4, REF).

2. ACCORDING TO VANDNE ABEELE, AIMONETT'S DEPTUY CHEF DE CABINET AND HIS RIGHT ON ENERGY MATTERS, THE IDEA TO TALK TO ATTIGA IS EXCLUSIVERLY SIMONETS AND CHEYSSONS.IT HAS NOT BEEN DISCUSSED WITH THE COMMISSION AS A WHOLE NOR WITH THE PERMENANT REPRESNATIVES OF THE NINE. VANDEN ABEELE SEES NOTHING UNUSUAL IN THIS. HE SAYS THE COMMISSIONERS SINGLY OR IN GROUPS REGULARLY DISCUSS A VAST SPECTRUM OF SUBJECT WITH THE WIDE OF VISITORS OF ALL NATONALITIES AND GROUPS THAT STREAM THROUGH BRUSSELS.

3. ACCORDING TO VANDEN ABEELE THER IS NO CONNECTION BETWEEN THE COMMISSIONERS TALKS WITH ATTIGA AND THE EURO-ARAB DIALOGUE. HE SAID IT FOLLOWED, THEREFOR, THAT SIMONET AND CHEYSSON WOULD FEEL NO RESTRAINT ON THE SUBJECTS THEY COULD DISCUSS. IN ADDITION TO THE TOPICS MENTIONED IN REF, THEY WILL UNDOUBTLEDLY COVER THE GENERAL PROBLEM OF OIL SUPPLY AND PRICE WHICH VANDEN ABEELE ACKNOWLEDGED WAS EXCLUDED FROM THE EURO-ARAB DIALGUE. HE ASSURED US THAT THE TALKS WERE EXPECTED TO BE PURELY EXPLORATORY AND THAT NO PROPOSAL OR ACTIONS WERE EXPECTED TO RESULT FROM THEM. (COMMENT: THIS DOES NTO PRECLUDE ANY INDIRECT INFLUENCE ON THE EURO/ARAB DIALOGUE AS THE RESULTS OF THIS MEETING BECOME KNOWN. END COMMENT.)

4. WE HAVE TALKED TO DOUGLAS RAMSEY, THE AUTHOR OF AN ARTICLE ON THIS SUBJECT WHICH UNDERTAND APPERAD IN THE WASHINGTON POST OVER THE WEEKEND. ACCORDING TO RAMSY, REFERENCES IN HIS PIECE TO OIL SUPPLY AND PRICE DID NOT COME FROM SIMONET, WHO MADE NO SUCH REFERENCE IN HIS PRESS CONFERENCE (REFTEL), BUT FROM A DISCUSSION RAMSY HAD AFTER THE CONFERENCE WITHGEORGES, COMMISSION DIRECTOR HYDROCARBONS. BRONDEL, WHO, WE ARE INFORMED, WILL PARICIPATE IN THE TALKS WITH ATTIGA, IS OUT OF TOWN AND THEREFORE UNAVAILABLE FOR COMMENT. GREENWALD

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